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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY EmPOWERS "CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES" WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$2 MILLION FOR ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS

\$2.23 Million in Energy Efficiency Grants Expected to Help Approximately 1,400 Maryland Families

ANNAPOLIS, MD (December 20, 2011) – Today, Governor Martin O'Malley announced award recipients for the FY2012 "EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities" grant program. The program helps local governments and not-for-profit organizations fund energy efficiency projects specifically designed to benefit low to moderate income Marylanders. The grants are administered by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), and are expected to help 1,400 Maryland families save a total of 1,450 MWH of electricity and almost 6 million cubic feet of natural gas each year. This amounts to more than \$4.5 million in savings over the estimated life of the measures.

"These grants are an example of exactly the type of efficiency projects we had intended for Maryland communities and families when we entered into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the nation's first multi-state collaborative carbon cap-and-trade program," said Governor O'Malley. "These grants are another step forward in our effort to make Maryland's future cleaner, greener, and more sustainable for all our citizens."

Forty-seven grants will be awarded to organizations in every county across Maryland and Baltimore City. Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations will use these funds to ensure an energy efficient future for Maryland. Funded projects range from energy efficiency upgrades at a homeless shelter in Anne Arundel County to whole home audits and retrofits for low-to-moderate households in Prince George's County.

"Energy efficiency upgrades are a smart investment providing real results to Maryland families," said Malcolm Woolf, Director of the Maryland Energy Administration. "Not only will families save hundreds of dollars on utility bills, but the State will move closer to achieving a 15% reduction in energy consumption by 2025. Furthermore," said Woolf, "these 47 projects will stimulate the economy and create jobs across the state of Maryland."

Each Maryland county and Baltimore City was provided an allocation based on the number of low-to-moderate income households residing in the respective area. The list of grants awarded is detailed below. Funding for the program comes from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund, which was created from public auctions of carbon credits through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

2012 EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities Grant Awardees

C&O Conservation C&O Conservation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in at least four low income homes.	Allegany County	\$30,000
Arundel Community Development Services Arundel Community Development Services will complete energy efficiency retrofits on two homeless shelters.	Anne Arundel County	\$63,000
C&O Conservation C&O Conservation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in at least six low income homes.	Anne Arundel County	\$40,500
Maryland Energy Conservation Maryland Energy Conservation (MEC) will install an energy efficient HVAC unit in five homes receiving weatherization services.	Anne Arundel County	\$40,000
Associated Catholic Charities Catholic Charities will weatherize 178 senior rental apartments, installing hot water heater wraps, low flow showerheads, and HVAC duct insulation, as appropriate.	Baltimore City	\$50,000
Civic Works Civic Works will use their EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant to fund two programs. <i>Project Lightbulb</i> will leverage AmeriCorps members, who themselves are low-to-moderate income, to complete energy conservation visits in low-to-moderate income Baltimore City households. The energy conservation visits will be used to identify households that could also benefit from air sealing and insulation through Civic Works' <i>Energy Ready</i> program.	Baltimore City	\$90,000
Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development ENERGY STAR qualified furnaces or boilers will be installed in approximately 18 homes receiving weatherization services, maximizing the energy savings in each home.		\$85,000
Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning The Energy Plus program will deliver energy audits and interventions to an estimated thirty five low-to-moderate income households already undergoing home-based environmental interventions through the Coalition's Safe at Home Healthy Homes Program.	Baltimore City	\$75,000
St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center As part of a larger retrofit project, St. Ambrose Housing will install ENERGY STAR heat pumps in five low income rental homes.	Baltimore City	\$40,000
Civic Works Civic Works' <i>Project Lightbulb</i> will leverage AmeriCorps members, who themselves are low-to-moderate income, to complete energy conservation visits in more than 200 low-to-moderate income Baltimore City households.	Baltimore County	\$75,750
Associated Catholic Charities The EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant will allow Catholic Charities to weatherize senior rental apartments throughout Baltimore County.	Baltimore County	\$75,750
Diversified Housing Development Diversified Housing Development will complete energy audits followed by the installation of applicable energy efficiency measures in approximately 15 low-to-moderate income Baltimore County homes.	Baltimore County	\$75,750

St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center	Baltimore County	\$75,750
As part of a larger energy efficiency retrofit project, St. Ambrose Housing will install energy efficient HVAC units in approximately 10 low-to-moderate income rental homes.		
Patuxent Habitat for Humanity	Calvert County	\$27,500
Patuxent Habitat will complete energy efficiency retrofits on at least five low-to-moderate income homes.		
Caroline County Habitat for Humanity	Caroline County	\$25,000
Habitat for Humanity will weatherize eight existing homes. In addition, Habitat for Humanity will also install energy efficiency measures in one new home that is being constructed.		
C&O Conservation	Carroll County	\$22,250
C&O Conservation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in at least three low income homes.		
Hindman Foundation	Carroll County	\$22,250
Hindman Foundation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in at least three low-to-moderate income homes.		
C&O Conservation	Cecil County	\$10,000
C&O Conservation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in two low income homes.		
Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna	Cecil County	\$24,000
Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna (HFHS) will use EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant funding to install energy efficiency measures in at least three low-to-moderate income homes through HFHS's Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative.		
C&O Conservation	Charles County	\$47,500
C&O Conservation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in seven low income homes.		
Prosperity Pail Ministry Works	Dorchester County	\$25,000
Prosperity Pail Ministry Works will install low cost energy efficiency measures in approximately 125 low-to-moderate income homes in Dorchester County that do not have access to EmPOWER Maryland programs through the local electric utility.		
C&O Conservation	Frederick County	\$41,500
C&O Conservation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in six low income homes.		
Hindman Foundation	Frederick County	\$41,500
Hindman Foundation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in at least six low-to-moderate income homes.		
Garrett County Community Action Committee	Garrett County	\$25,000
Garrett County Community Action Committee will be replacing the existing furnace or boiler in five low income homes with an ENERGY STAR qualified HVAC unit.		
Associated Catholic Charities	Harford County	\$36,000
The EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant will allow Catholic Charities to weatherize approximately 151 senior rental apartments in Abingdon and Aberdeen.		
Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna	Harford County	\$55,000
Habitat for Humanity (HFH) will use EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant funding to install energy efficiency measures in existing and new construction low-to-moderate income homes.		

Community Action Council of Howard County (CACHC)		\$45,000
CACHC will complete energy efficiency retrofits on seven low income homes. The funded energy efficiency measures will include air sealing, insulation, and ENERGY STAR appliances, as appropriate.		
Howard County Housing Commission	Howard County	\$45,000
Howard County Housing will leverage EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant funding to install more efficient gas water heaters and refrigerators in approximately 27 low-to-moderate income homes.		
Kent Center	Kent County	\$9,984
The Kent Center will complete energy efficiency upgrades in two homes for individuals with complex medical conditions and/or severe disabilities.		
Upper Shore Aging	Kent County	\$15,016
Upper Shore Aging will install an energy efficient HVAC system in two homes.		
C&O Conservation	Montgomery County	\$149,569
C&O Conservation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in approximately 23 low income homes.		
Rebuilding Together Montgomery County (RTMC)	Montgomery County	\$99,356
EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant funding will be used to fund at least 10 energy efficiency home retrofits being completed during RTMC's Spring Rebuilding Weekend. Funding will also be used to purchase and install at least 15 energy efficient HVAC and/or gas hot water heater replacements as part of RTMC's critical repair initiative.		
Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County	Montgomery County	\$57,575
Habitat for Humanity International's weatherization pilot program will be leveraged by Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County to complete energy efficiency retrofits in 15 homes.		
Town of Bladensburg	Prince George's County	\$100,000
The Town of Bladensburg, in cooperation with seven other Prince George's County municipalities, will leverage EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant funding to complete energy audits and retrofits in an estimated 12 low-to-moderate income Prince George's County households.		
United Communities Against Poverty	Prince George's County	\$200,000
United Communities Against Poverty will complete energy audits and retrofits of approximately 35 low-to-moderate income homes.		
Guide Program	Prince George's County	\$12,418
The Guide Program will complete energy efficiency retrofits of three facilities that serve individuals with psychiatric disabilities.		
Vesta, Inc.	Prince George's County	\$36,000
Vesta will leverage EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant funding to upgrade seven homes and one small rehabilitation center that serves individuals with persistent mental illnesses.		
C&O Conservation	Queen Anne's County	\$25,000
C&O Conservation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in three low income homes.		
Shore-Up	Somerset County	\$25,000
Shore-Up will leverage EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant funding to replace an approximately five HVAC systems in low income homes receiving weatherization services.		

Housing Authority of St. Mary's County	St. Mary's County	\$31,000
The Housing Authority of St. Mary's County will install energy efficient HVAC units in six low income rental homes that have previously received weatherization services.		
Patuxent Habitat for Humanity	St. Mary's County	\$17,600
Patuxent Habitat will complete energy efficiency retrofits in two low-to-moderate income homes.		
Prosperity Pail Ministry Works	Talbot County	\$5,000
Prosperity Pail Ministry Works will install low cost energy efficiency measures in low-to-moderate income homes in Talbot County that do not have access to EmPOWER Maryland programs through the local electric utility.		
Chesapeake Center	Talbot County	\$8,000
EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant funding will be used to implement energy efficiency upgrades in a home for individuals with intellectual disabilities.		
Habitat Choptank	Talbot County	\$14,392
Habitat Choptank will install energy efficiency upgrades in two new homes being constructed and one home being renovated in Talbot County.		
C&O Conservation	Washington County	\$60,500
C&O Conservation will complete an energy audit and then install energy efficiency measures in nine low income homes.		
Shore-Up	Wicomico County	\$38,500
Shore-Up will leverage EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant funding to replace HVAC systems in eight low income homes receiving weatherization services.		
Shore-Up	Worcester County	\$25,000
Shore-Up will leverage EmPOWERing Clean Energy Communities grant funding to replace HVAC systems in five low income homes receiving weatherization services.		

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The Maryland Energy Administration's (MEA) mission is to assist Maryland citizens and businesses to save money through smart investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy and conservation. A Maryland state agency, MEA fuels the creation of green jobs by providing funds and resources to expand the use and availability of clean, safe energy in Maryland.